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SUBJECT: CCMS: HAZARDOUS WASTES-PLANS FOR UK-LED PROJECT ON
LANDFILL RESEARCH; OTHER ALLIED PROJECT LEADERSHIP COMMITMENTS
IN PILOT STUDY.

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B. USNATO 5265

SUMMARY: UK NATO DEL HAS JUST OUTLINED HMG'S PLANS TO ORGANIZE
PROJECT ON LANDFILL RESEARCH AS PART OF FRG-LED CCMS PILOT STUDY
ON HAZARDOUS WASTES. DETAILS BELOW. FRG HAS ANNOUNCED RECEIPT
OF CONFIRMATION THAT BELGIUM AND FRANCE ALSO WILL LEAD PROJECTS
ENVISAGED AT MUNICH EXPERTS MEETING ON PILOT STUDY LAST FALL
(REF B). FRG NATO DEL HAS ALSO DRAWN ATTENTION HERE TO
PLANS FOR EXPERTS MEETING IN CANADA IN JUNE, UNDER JOINT SPONSOR-
SHIP OF CANADIAN AND US AUTHORITIES, AS PART OF PILOT STUDY.
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END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING UP ON ITS ANNOUNCEMENT TO THAT EFFECT AT THIS WEEK'S
PRE-PLenary PLANNING MEETING AT NATO (REF A), UK NATO DEL

HAS CIRCULATED NOTE OUTLINING HMG'S PLANS TO LEAD PROJECT ON LANDFILL RESEARCH AS PART OF HAZARDOUS WASTES PILOT STUDY, OF WHICH FRG AND US ARE RESPECTIVE PILOT AND CO-PILOT COUNTRIES.

A. UK PROPOSES PREPARE INITIAL MATERIAL ON SUBJECT FOR CIRCULATION TO INTERESTED MEMBER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING DEFINITION OF SCOPE OF PROJECT AND SUMMARY OF CURRENT UK STUDIES. UK WILL SEEK EVENTUALLY TO SUMMARIZE CURRENT POLICIES AND PRACTICES ON LANDFILL SITES, LEVEL OF KNOWLEDGE IN RELEVANT FIELDS OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, AND SIGNIFICANT GAPS IN SUCH KNOWLEDGE AND TO GATHER STATEMENTS OF ANY RELEVANT RESEARCH OR MONITORING PROGRAMS. WHEN FIRST REPLIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, UK WILL DO NECESSARY COLLATING AND THEN CIRCULATE FURTHER MATERIAL AS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, TO FORM BASIS FOR TECHNICAL MEETING OF ONE OR TWO EXPERTS FROM EACH CONTRIBUTING COUNTRY TO BE HELD IN UK, WITH AIM OF OBTAINING MAXIMUM EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND CROSS-FERTILIZATION OF IDEAS. A FEW SITE VISITS IN UK COULD BE ARRANGED AS PART OF THIS MEETING AND AN INTERIM SUMMARY REPORT ISSUED SUBSEQUENTLY.

B. UK AIMS TO HOLD THIS MEETING OF EXPERTS DURING SUMMER OF 1975 OR, IF THIS PROVES TOO EARLY, IN AUTUMN OF 1975. UK AUTHORITIES EXPECT THAT IT MIGHT BE DESIRABLE TO REVIEW PROGRESS AFTER FURTHER YEAR OR SO AND THEN COLLATE AND ISSUE FINAL REPORT.

2. UK NOTE STATES THAT UK AUTHORITIES ARE STARTING TO PREPARE INITIAL MATERIAL AND WILL PROCEED TO ISSUE IT SHORTLY, AS PROMPT ACTION WILL BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN REPLIES AND LAY PROPER FOUNDATION FOR MEETING THIS SUMMER. ACCORDINGLY UK NATO DEL REQUESTS EARLY CONFIRMATION FROM OTHER ALLIED DELS OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS' INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING AND ALSO OF THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. AS MENTIONED REF A, FRG NATO DEL HAS JUST ANNOUNCED HERE THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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FRG HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM BELGIUM THAT IT WILL LEAD PROJECT ON UNDERGROUND DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES, AND FROM FRANCE THAT IT WILL LEAD PROJECT ON THE CHROMIUM CYCLE, AS ANTICIPATED AT MUNICH EXPERTS MEETING ON PILOT STUDY LAST FALL (REF B-WHICH ALSO OUTLINES EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE BY US AS CO-PILOT). IN ADDITION FRG NATO DEL HAS DRAWN ATTENTION HERE TO HAZARDOUS WASTES PILOT STUDY EXPERTS MEETING TO BE HELD IN CANADA IN JUNE, UNDER JOINT CANADIAN-US SPONSORSHIP.
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